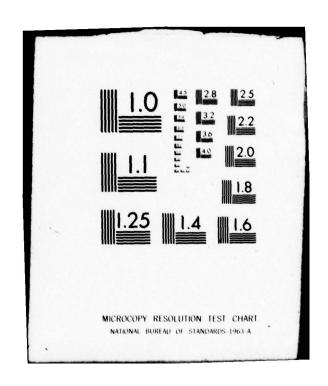
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PREFACE

This report was prepared under guidance contained in the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I Inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage

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Meadville Dam, Crawford County, Pennsylvania NDI No. PA 00177, PennDER No. 20-48, SCS No. PA 460 Mill Run Inspected 1 December 1978

ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

Meadville Dam is a zoned earthfill dam designed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture. The dam has a crest length of 420 feet, a height of 40 feet, and a storage capacity of 30 acre-feet at normal pool.

Meadville Dam is classified as a "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size dam.

Visual inspection and review of engineering data in December 1978 and April 1979 indicate no serious deficiencies requiring emergency attention. The dam was found to be in good overall condition at the time of inspection; however, several minor items of remedial work should be performed in the near future. These items include:

- Repair the manually operated control for the pond drain.
- 2) The eroded areas should be regraded, treated and seeded with an appropriate mixture to prevent erosion.
- 3) The catch basin drain in the auxiliary spillway should be cleared of debris.

The owner should continue in the future to inspect the embankment and concrete appurtenances, and repair as necessary. In addition, the following operational measures are recommended to be undertaken by the owner:

- Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system.
- During periods of unusually heavy rain, provide around-the-clock surveillance of the dam.
- 3) When warning of a storm of major proportions is given by the National Weather Service, the owner should activate the emergency operation and warning system.

Hydraulic/hydrologic evaluations, performed in accordance with procedures established by the Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, for Phase I Inspection Reports, revealed that the spillway will pass the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) without overtopping the dam. The spillway is therefore considered "adequate."



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MEADVILLE DAM



Overall View of Downstream Embankment and Concrete Spiliway
(Note Eroelon Channel on Embankment)



Overall View of Upstream Face of Dam from Dike on East Abutment (Note Ruts and Erosion on Face of Dam)

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PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM MEADVILLE DAM

NDI No. PA 00177, PennDER No. 20-48, SCS No. PA 460

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 GENERAL

- a. Authority The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.
- b. <u>Purpose of Inspection</u> The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances Meadville Dam, locally known as Rainbow Lake, is a zoned earthfill dam with a crest height of 40 feet and an embankment length of 420 feet. The upstream face has a slope of 3H:lV (Horizontal to Vertical) with a 10-foot wide berm at El. 1164.0 feet. This berm provides access to the riser unit. The downstream face has a slope of 2H:lV. The crest of the embankment is 15 feet wide. A cutoff trench is provided in the embankment, with a minimum depth of 3 feet and a bottom width of 12 feet.
 - The protective dike around adjacent Meadville High School is also a zoned earthfill embankment. The upstream face near the auxiliary spillway has a slope of 3H:1V and the downstream face has a slope of 2H:1V. After a transition section at original Station 12+00, both the upstream and downstream slopes are 5H:1V. The dike has an approximate crest length of 1335 feet (excluding the auxiliary spillway).

The outlet works (principal spillway) consist of a pond drain, concrete riser unit, conduit and stilling basin. An 18-inch bituminous coated corrugated metal pipe is used as the pond drain and has an inlet at the upstream toe. Flow from the pond drain into the riser is controlled by a sluice gate which is hand-operated from the top of the riser. The crest of the riser is at El. 1163.5 feet. The conduit to the stilling basin is a 42-inch reinforced concrete water pipe placed on a concrete cradle.

A reinforced concrete weir box and concrete chute spillway is constructed in the right abutment area. The crest elevation of the overflow spillway is 1184.3 feet. The overflow spillway is 260 feet long. The channel has a width of 50 feet and a length from the upper end to the control section of 260 feet. The control section is an ogee overflow weir, 7.25 feet above the floor of the channel. The floor of the channel is 15 inches thick; the retaining walls are as high as 30 feet and are reinforced with 92 counterfort sections.

- b. Location Meadville Dam is located on Mill Run approximately 1.25 miles upstream of its confluence with French Creek and 150 feet east of Morgan Street in the city of Meadville.
- c. <u>Size Classification</u> The dam is 40 feet high and has a maximum storage capacity of 850 acre-feet. Therefore, the dam is in the "Intermediate" size category.
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u> Due to the proximity of the city of Meadville, Pennsylvania, many lives could be lost in the event of failure of the dam. Therefore, this dam is considered in the "High" hazard category.
- e. Ownership The dam is owned by the city of Meadville, 984 Water Street, Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335.
- f. Purpose of Dam The dam was designed as a flood control structure. However, the reservoir and surrounding area are also used for recreation.
- g. Design and Construction History Meadville Dam was designed in 1962 by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The dam was constructed in 1963 and 1964 by Smith Construction Company.
- h. Normal Operational Procedures The dam has no formal operating procedures. Normal pool is maintained by the riser crest at El. 1163.5 feet. An 18-inch bituminous coated corrugated metal pipe connected to the pond drain, with invert El. 1157.5 feet, can be opened during periods of heavy rain to minimize flooding of recreational facilities around the dam.

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

a. Drainage Area (square miles) - 7.96

b. D	ischarge	at Dam	Site	(c.f.s.)	-

Maximum Flow -Unknown Ungated Spillway Capacity at Maximum Pool Elevation (El. 1189.5 ft.) -10,100

Elevation [feet above Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.] -C.

Windows Man of Day	
Minimum Top of Dam -	1189.5
Design Top of Dam -	1189.8
Maximum Pool -	1189.5
Normal Pool -	1163.5
Streambed at Centerline of Dam -	1150

d. Reservoir (miles) -

Length	of	Maximum Pool -	0.8
Length	of	Normal Pool -	0.2

Storage (acre-feet) e.

At Normal Pool (El. 1163.5 ft.) - At Maximum Pool (El. 1184.3 ft.) -At Top of Dam (El. 1189.5 ft.) -

f. Reservoir Surface (acres) -

Top of Dam (El. 1189.5 ft.) -74.0+ Normal Pool (El. 1163.5 ft.) -4.0

g. Dam -

Type -Zoned earthfill Length (feet) -420 Height (feet) -40 Top Width (feet) -15 Slopes - Upstream -3H:1V

(with 10-foot berm at El. 1164.0 ft.) Downstream -2H:1V

Zoning - The embankment is constructed of three zones -- the core section consists of impervious fill made up of clays and silty clays, the downstream zone is mixed sand and gravel, and the upstream zone contains more pervious material composed of sands and gravels.

Impervious Core - Clay and silty clay

Cutoff - The cutoff trench is in the embankment foundation. The trench was excavated to a minimum depth of 3 feet and has a 12-foot bottom width. The bottom of the cutoff trench rests on impermeable glacial till.

Grout Curtain -None Dike -Zoned embankment

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel (Principal Spillway) -

Type - Drop Inlet with 42 inch reinforced concrete water pipe placed on a concrete cradle. Five anti-seepage collars are provided along the pipe at intervals of 24 feet.

Length of Conduit (feet) - 175.33

Access - Through top of concrete riser

Weir Elevation (feet M.S.L.) - 1163.5

Weir Size (feet) (four Inlets) - 4 by 3.5

i. Spillway (Auxiliary Spillway) -

Type - Reinforced concrete weir box
and chute channel spillway
Width of Channel (feet) - 50
Crest Elevation (feet M.S.L.) - 1184.3
Gates - None
Upstream Channel (Length in feet) - 288
(from upper end to the control section)

Downstream Channel - Final 28-foot section is level at El. 1159.3 feet. The control section is an ogee overflow weir, 7.25 feet above the floor of the channel. The channel discharges into a 50-foot-wide grass-lined channel.

j. Regulating Outlets - Manually operated 18-inch sluice gate located at bottom of riser.

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 DESIGN

Available design data which were considered necessary for a Phase I Investigation of Meadville Dam were furnished by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PennDER) from File No. 20-48. The file included:

- Operation and maintenance reports from the SCS.
- Several letters of correspondence between the SCS and the city of Meadville.
- Photographs taken during the construction of Meadville Dam.
- 4) Permits for construction.
- 5) Hydrologic/hydraulic calculations for the dam performed by SCS personnel.
- 6) Quantity calculations of the dam and appurtenances computed by SCS personnel.
- A complete set of design drawings for the dam and appurtenances.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION

The dam was constructed by the Smith Construction Company in 1963 and 1964. No progress reports concerning the status of construction were available in PennDER's files. However, some correspondence including photographs and in-place density test results were included.

2.3 OPERATION

The city of Meadville, owner of the dam, is responsible for all operation and maintenance.

2.4 EVALUATION

- a. Availability PennDER File No. 20-48 contained a full set of design drawings for the Meadville Dam.
- b. Adequacy The information available is generally adequate for a Phase I Inspection.
- c. <u>Validity</u> There is no reason at the present time to believe that the available engineering data is inaccurate or misleading.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 FINDINGS

- a. General The inspection was made on 1 December 1978.

 No unusual weather conditions were experienced and the lake was at normal pool. The dam and appurtenant structures were found, in general, to be in good overall condition at the time of inspection. The problems noted during the visual inspection are considered minor and do not require immediate remedial treatment. Noteworthy deficiencies observed are described briefly in the following paragraphs. The complete visual inspection check list and field sketches are given in Appendix A.
- b. Dam Along the dike south of the auxiliary spillway, vehicular traffic has caused rutting along the east slope and crest. Pedestrian traffic has worn a pathway in the grass cover from Meadville High School east of the dike, over the dike, up the south slope of the dam, and along the crest of the dam (see field sketches for location). Erosion was also observed along the chain link fence around the auxiliary spillway. A drainage path has eroded down the slope behind the wing wall on the right side of the auxiliary spillway. A small path has also developed on the left side of the auxiliary spillway spillway and right abutment of the dam.

On the downstream face of the embankment, a major channel has eroded approximately 100 feet from the left abutment. The channel is 2 feet wide by 1 foot deep and extends from the crest to the toe of the embankment. Two minor channels, 6 inches by 6 inches, have also eroded approximately 50 feet on either side of the larger one and typically begin 2 to 3 feet below the crest. The downstream face is covered with thick, tall vegetation.

c. Appurtenant Structures - Several erosion areas were observed around the outlet structure. The areas between the head wall and chain-link fence on both the right and left side are eroded, as is the area just outside the fence on the right side. An eroded area also was noted at the end of the wing wall on the left side. Small animal holes are located on the right side of the end of the wing wall. The concrete head wall and sandstone wing walls are in good condition.

The sluice gate control for the pond drain was not operating properly at the time of the inspection. According to information from the local personnel, the gate was last opened in the Spring of 1977 and in order to operate the gate a bolt had to be removed from down inside the riser structure. The 6-inch diameter embankment drain outlets were not visible due to the amount of water flowing from the 42-inch outlet pipe and therefore no assessment could be made of their operation. The catch basin drain in the auxiliary spillway is covered with debris.

The concrete walls along the auxiliary spillway are in good condition with the exception of some minor spalling riong the outside of the south end wall. Some cracks were also noted on the walls adjacent to the spillway. The differential movement of the walls and wing walls was noted. According to the local representatives of the city of Meadville, the SCS (designer of the dam) is studying the problem. The movement was first noted in the SCS annual inspection report dated 17 May 1968.

d. Reservoir Area - No problems were observed in the reservoir area. Reservoir slopes are gently sloping to moderately steep with a good cover of grasses or stands of forests.

Approximately two miles upstream from Meadville Dam on Mill Run is Tamarack Lake Dam "A" (NDI No. PA 00177).

Downstream Channel - The outlet channels for the principal spillway and auxiliary spillway showed no signs of past erosion. The channel banks are gently sloping with established vegetation. The dam is located within the city of Meadville and the downstream channel (Mill Run) flows through a major portion of both the residental and business community of Meadville. It cannot be estimated how many homes or businesses might be affected by a dam failure, but more than likely it would be greater than 100. A 13 May 1956 flood which occurred prior to construction of the dam caused an appraised (1956 value) damage of \$170,000. This flood was of a magnitude that is likely to occur on the average once every 40 years.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 PROCEDURES

No formal operational procedures are used for Meadville Dam since it is a flood control structure and does not require the use of water supply intake valves or gates. The reservoir under normal operating conditions remains at approximate El. 1163.5 feet and has 20.8 feet of additional storage to the crest of the emergency spillway.

4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

The city of Meadville has an annual inspection program for the dam assisted by the SCS. Maintenance which is normally performed on a biweekly schedule by personnel of the Department of Public Works, Parks Division, includes removal of debris, repairing eroded areas, revegetating bare spots and mowing grass.

4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

The city of Meadville, Department of Public Works, Parks Division, personnel are responsible for maintenance of the riser. The park superintendent visits the dam during heavy rainfall to check the trash rack and check for flow over the auxiliary spillway.

4.4 DESCRIPTION OF ANY WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

At the present time, there is no warning system or evacuation plan in the event of a dam failure.

4.5 EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL ADEQUACY

Maintenance of the operating facilities are considered adequate for the functions that they serve; however, formal records of lift gate inspections should be instituted. In addition, formal emergency procedures should be developed as recommended in paragraph 7.2.

SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

a. Design Data - Hydrologic and hydraulic calculations were obtained from the PennDER files.

According to SCS design criteria by which Meadville Dam was designed, the emergency spillway and freeboard hydrographs were developed and routed through the reservoir to establish the elevations of the design high water and crest of dam. These hydrographs were developed by combining discharges from the north spillway of Tamarack Lake (dam site "A"), located approximately 1.7 miles upstream, as well as uncontrolled runoff from the tributary drainage area below Tamarack Lake. The results of the rainfall and hydrograph calculations used in the analysis are summarized as follows:

RAINFALL AND HYDROGRAPH CALCULATIONS

	Six-Hour Ra	Resulting Hydrograph Peak	
Hydrograph	Tamarack Lake	Meadville Reservoir	(c.f.s.)
Emergency Spillway	8.8	9.1	6969
Freeboard	17.7	18.3	13043

The resulting elevations of the design high water and crest of dam are 1187.3 feet and 1189.8 feet, respectively.

- b. Experience Data Extensive flooding from Mill Run occurred in the city of Meadville prior to construction of the Meadville Dam. The maximum reservoir stage since construction of the dam was approximately 4 feet above normal pool. No other reservoir experience records were available for the preparation of this report.
- c. <u>Visual Observations</u> At the time of the inspection, no condition was observed that would indicate that the spillway and outlet works could not operate satisfactorily in the event of a flood.

- Overtopping Potential Meadville Dam is classified d. as a "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size dam requiring evaluation for a spillway design flood (SDF) equal to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The outlet works and spillway consist of a concrete drop-inlet and a concrete weir box which exits into a concrete chute. The hydrologic and hydraulic capabilities of the reservoir, outlet works, and spillway were evaluated by routing the PMF through the reservoir with the aid of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Hydrograph Package, HEC-1. Runoff from the uncontrolled drainage basin tributary to Meadville Dam as well as outflows from Tamarack Lake (Dam "A"), were considered in the hydrologic analysis. The resulting PMF hydrograph, therefore, had a peak discharge of 5943 c.f.s. based on a 6-hour rainfall of 21.9 inches. The results of the flood routing indicate that the reservoir is capable of passing the PMF with a corresponding reservoir level of El. 1187.9 feet. This maximum reservoir stage is 1.6 feet below the actual dam crest at El. 1189.5 feet.
- e. Spillway Adequacy The dam, as outlined in the above analysis, is capable of passing the PMF without overtopping. Therefore, the spillway is classified as "adequate" according to the recommended criteria.

SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u> No structural inadequacies were noted during the visual inspection of Meadville Dam.
- b. Design and Construction Data No construction records were avilable; however, the stability calculations contained in the design records were reviewed during the preparation of this report. The review indicates that there should be no cause for concern for the structural stability of the earth embankment or appurtenances. The embankment as designed should be sufficiently stable due to the fill height and moderate slopes of the dam. The toe or foundation drains were designed to intercept seepage through the permeable material and to control the phreatic line in the embankment. The minor differential movement of the auxiliary spillway walls was not considered severe enough to create a stability problem.
- c. Operating Records The last yearly inspection (dated 22 July 1977) conducted by the SCS and local representatives indicated the wing walls and retaining walls appear to have stabilized and no new movement could be detected.
- d. Post-Construction Changes No alterations of the dam were apparent since it was constructed.
- e. Seismic Stability Meadville Dam is in Seismic Zone I of the "Seismic Zone Map of the Contiguous United States," Figure 1, page D-30, "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." This is a zone of very low seismic activity. As indicated in paragraph 6.1.b., Meadville Dam could be shown to meet the static stability requirements of the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." As a result, no further consideration of seismic stability is considered necessary under the present circumstances.

SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

- a. Safety Meadville Dam is designed to prevent overtopping under conditions equal to PMF. No seepage was observed during the visual inspection when the reservoir was at normal pool. The dam was found to be in good overall condition.
- b. Adequacy of Information The information available and the observations made during the field inspection are considered sufficient for this Phase I Inspection Report.
- c. <u>Urgency</u> The owner should initiate the action discussed in paragraph 7.2 without delay.
- d. Necessity for Additional Data/Evaluation Since the Meadville Dam meets the requirements of the hydrologic evaluation guidelines as set forth in "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams" and does not appear to have any deficiencies in its structural stability, the need for any additional investigation is not warranted.

7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

The inspection and review of information revealed certain items of work which should be performed in a timely manner by the owner. These include:

- The manually operated controls for the pond drain should be repaired and maintained to ensure their proper operation.
- 2) The eroded areas should be regraded, fertilized and seeded with an appropriate mixture to prevent erosion.
- 3) The catch basin drain in the auxiliary spillway should be cleared of debris, and in the future, this task should be part of a routine maintenance schedule.
- 4) The location of the dam between Meadville High School and a residential area of the city of Meadville presents special problems. The heavy pedestrian traffic causes damage to the grass cover both on the dam crest and

embankment slopes. It is recommended that the owner investigate the possibility of installing a proper walkway along this route by placing gravel across the crest of the dam and a stairway on the upstream and downstream face.

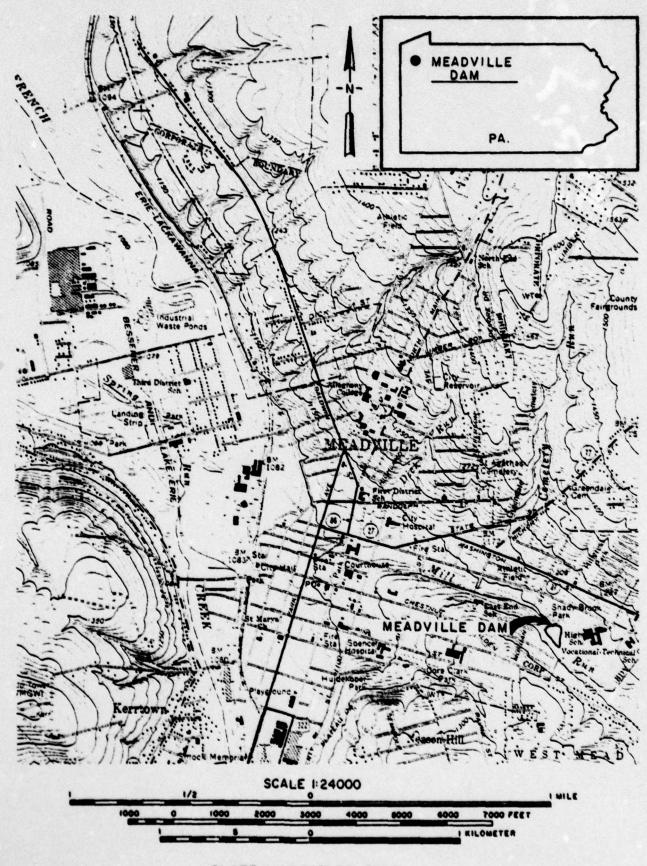
5) All motor vehicles such as trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles should be strictly prohibited from the embankment. The motor vehicle traffic on the dike embankment should also be restricted.

The owner should continue in the future to inspect the embankment and concrete appurtenances, and repair as necessary.

In addition, the following operational measures are recommended to be undertaken by the owner:

- Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system.
- During periods of unusually heavy rain, provide around-the-clock surveillance of the dam.
- 3) When warning of a storm of major proportions is given by the National Weather Service, the owner should activate the emergency operation and warning system.

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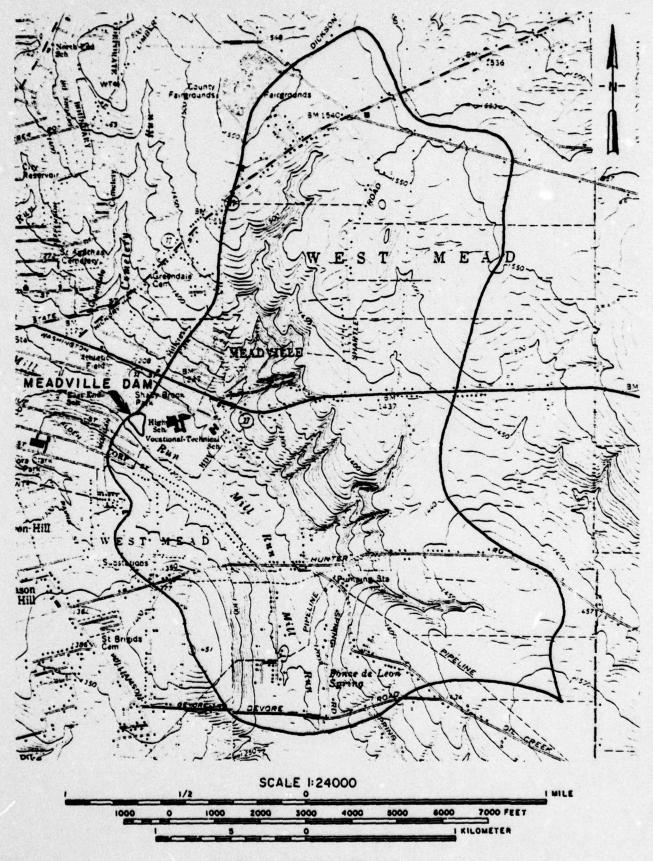
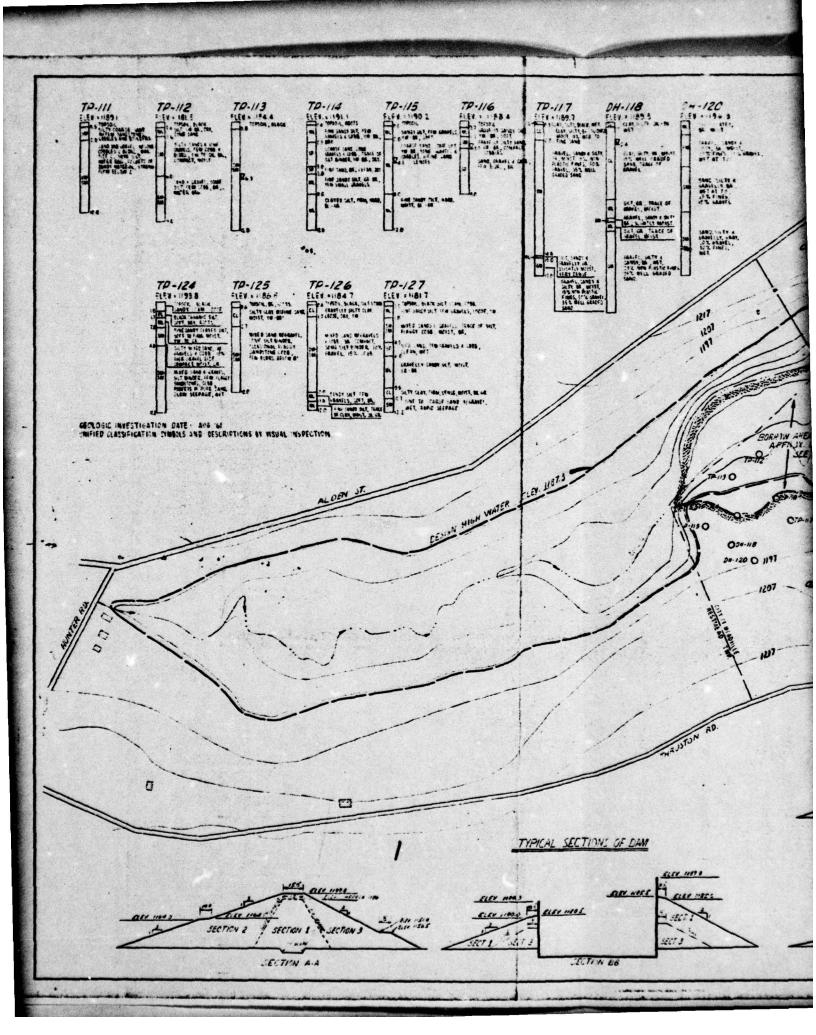
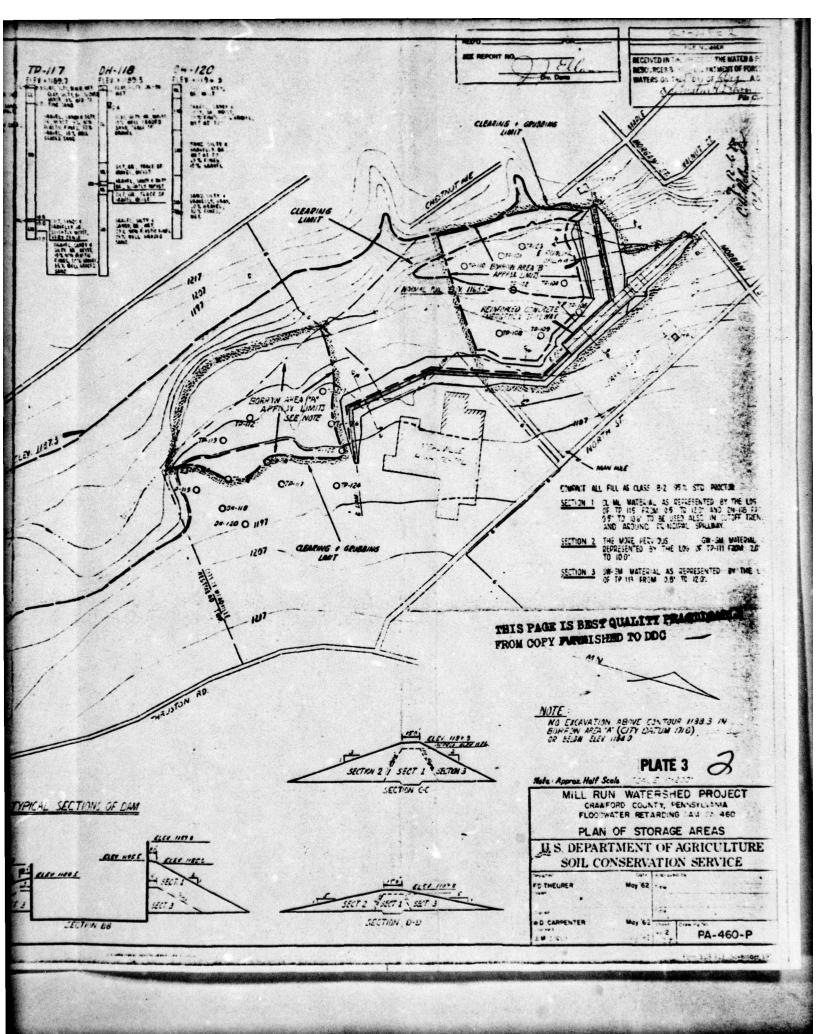
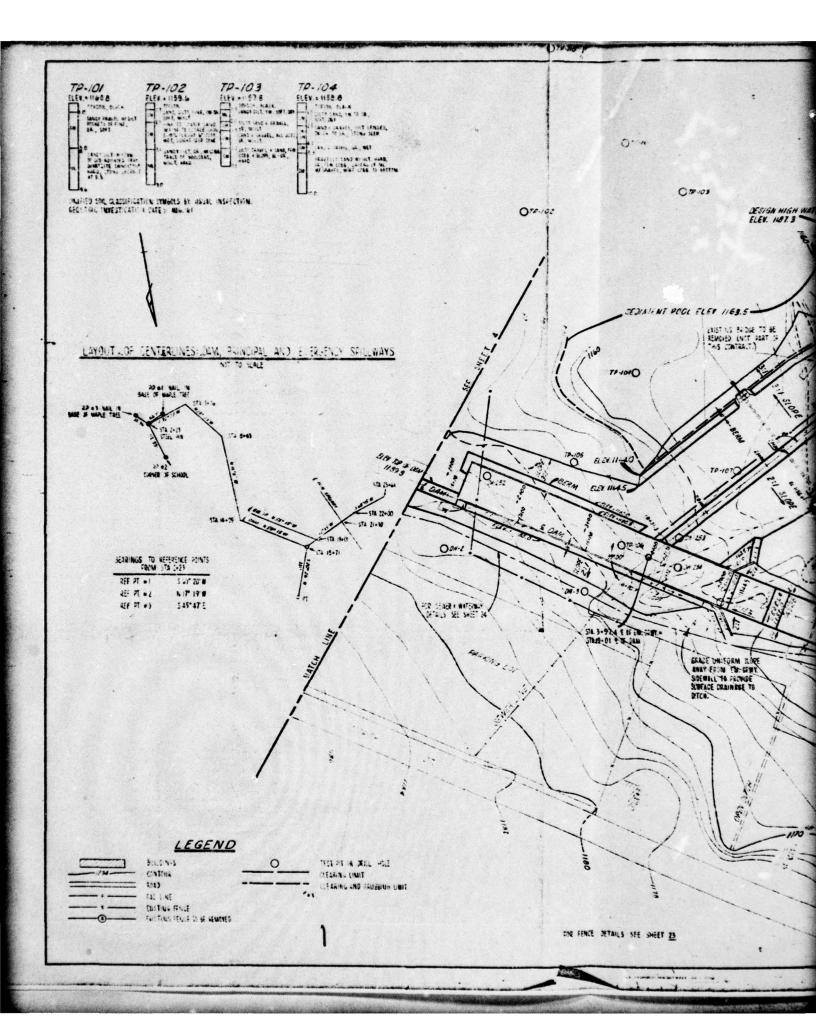


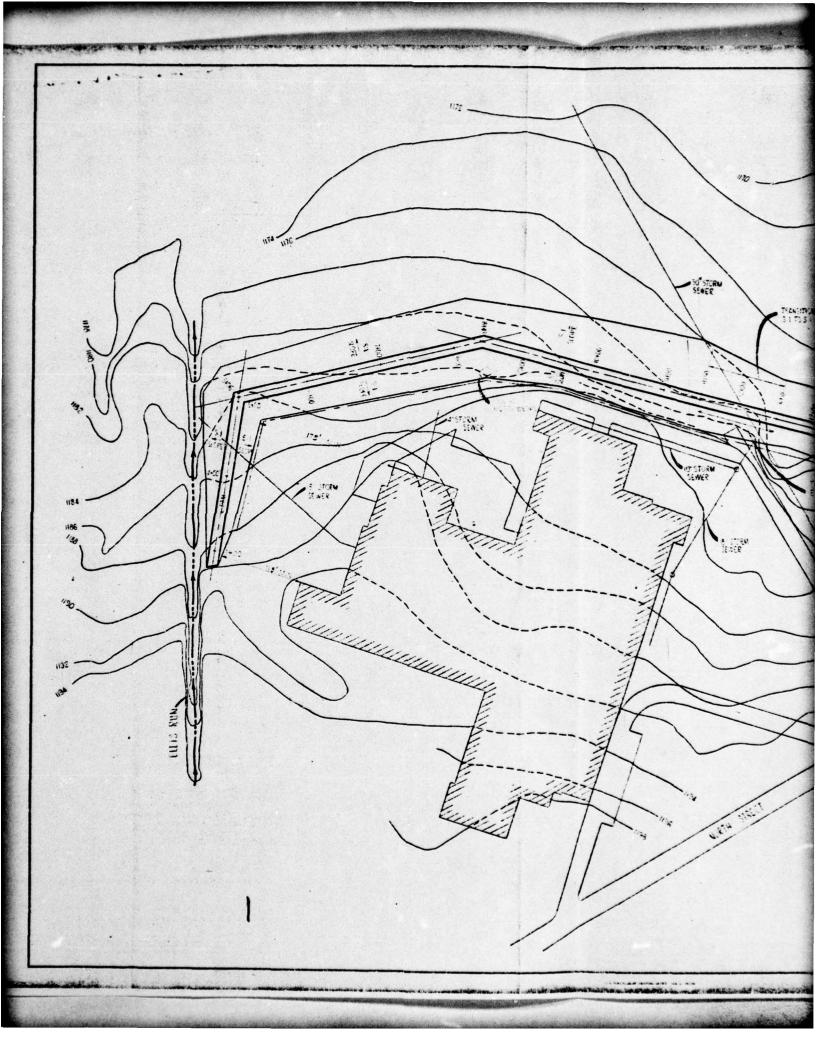
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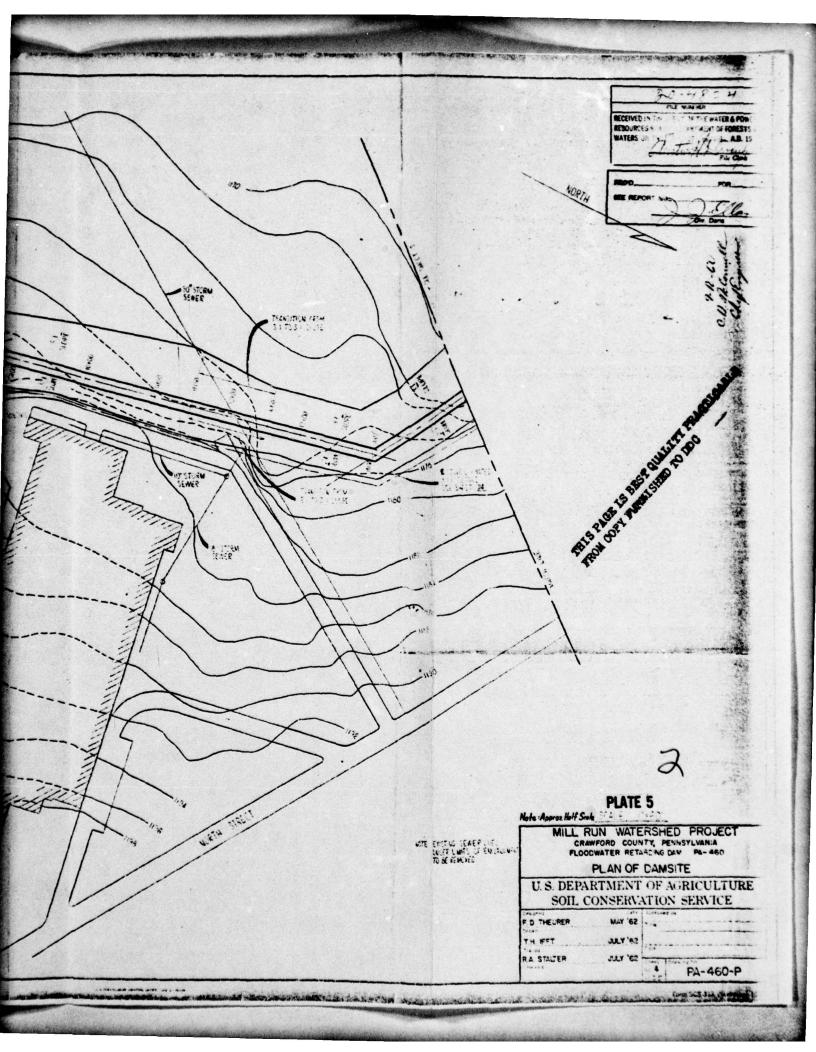


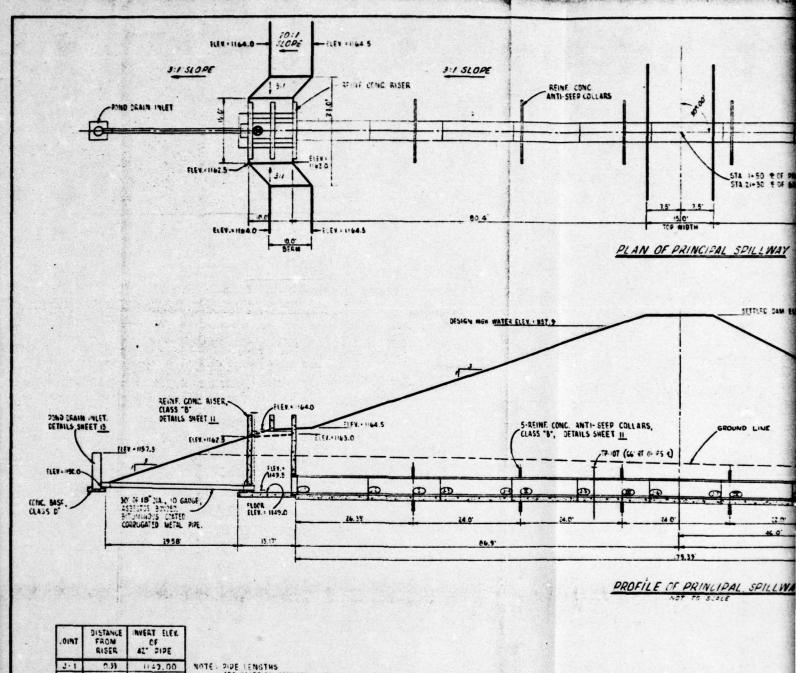




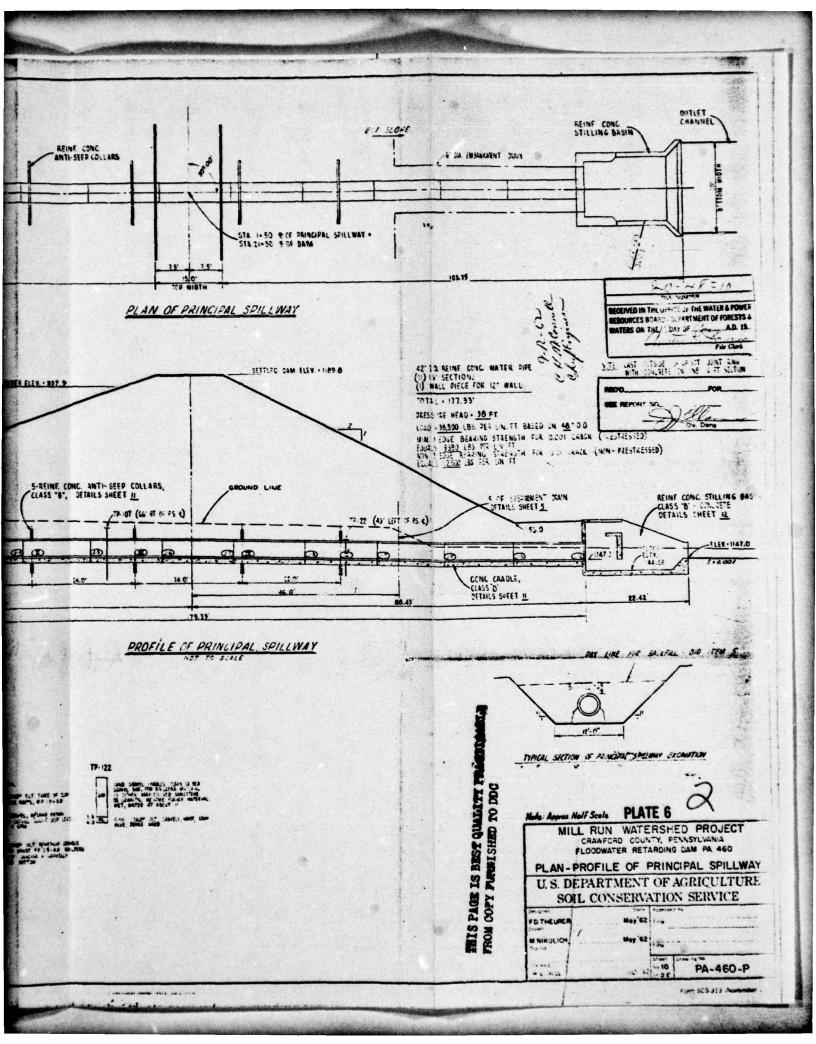
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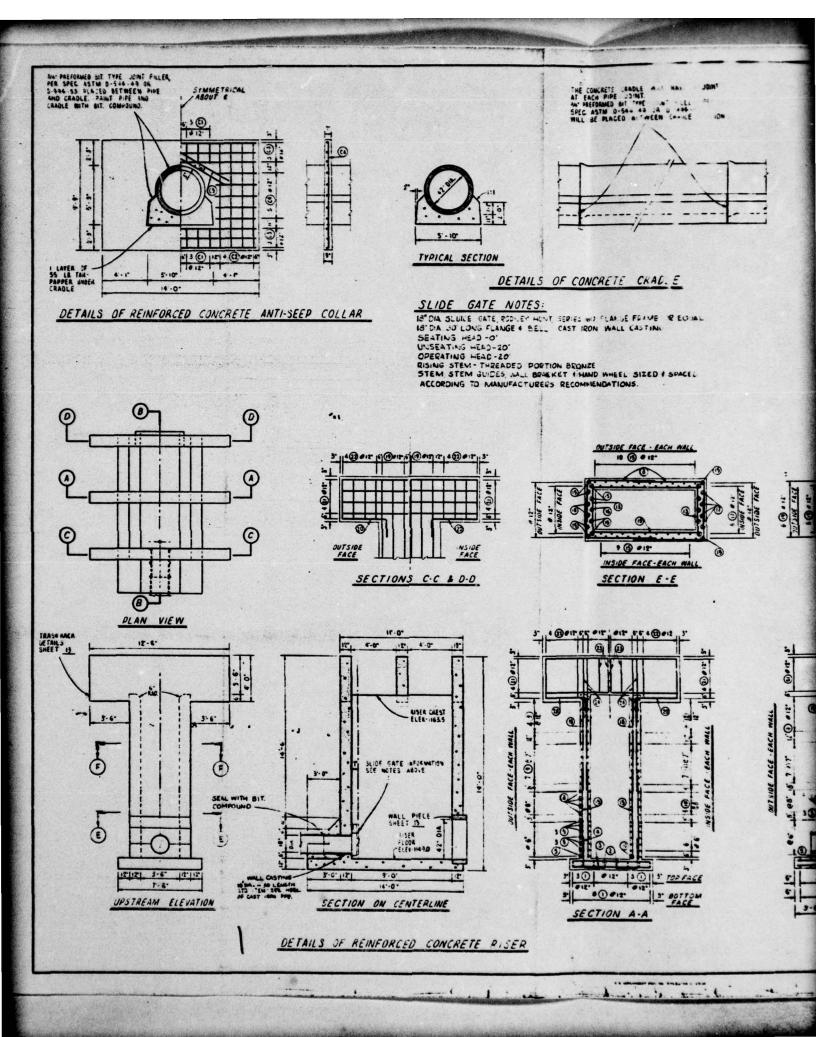






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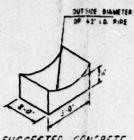


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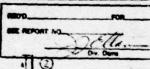
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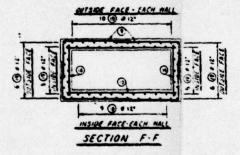
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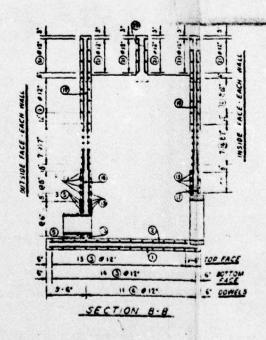
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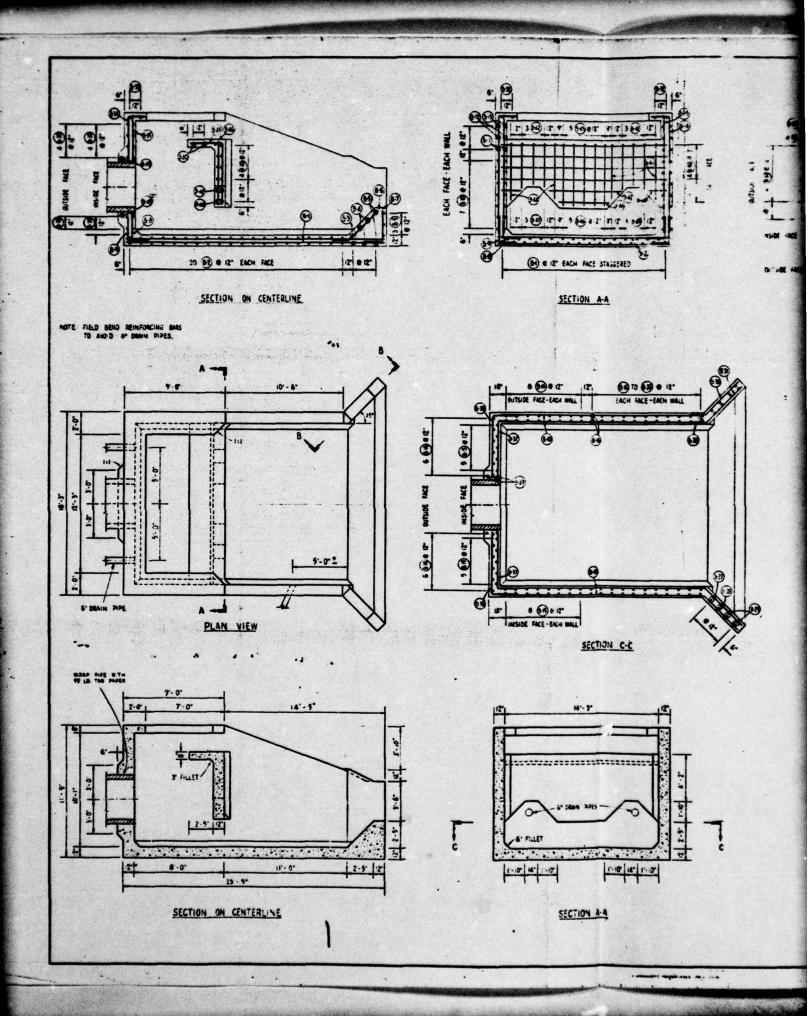
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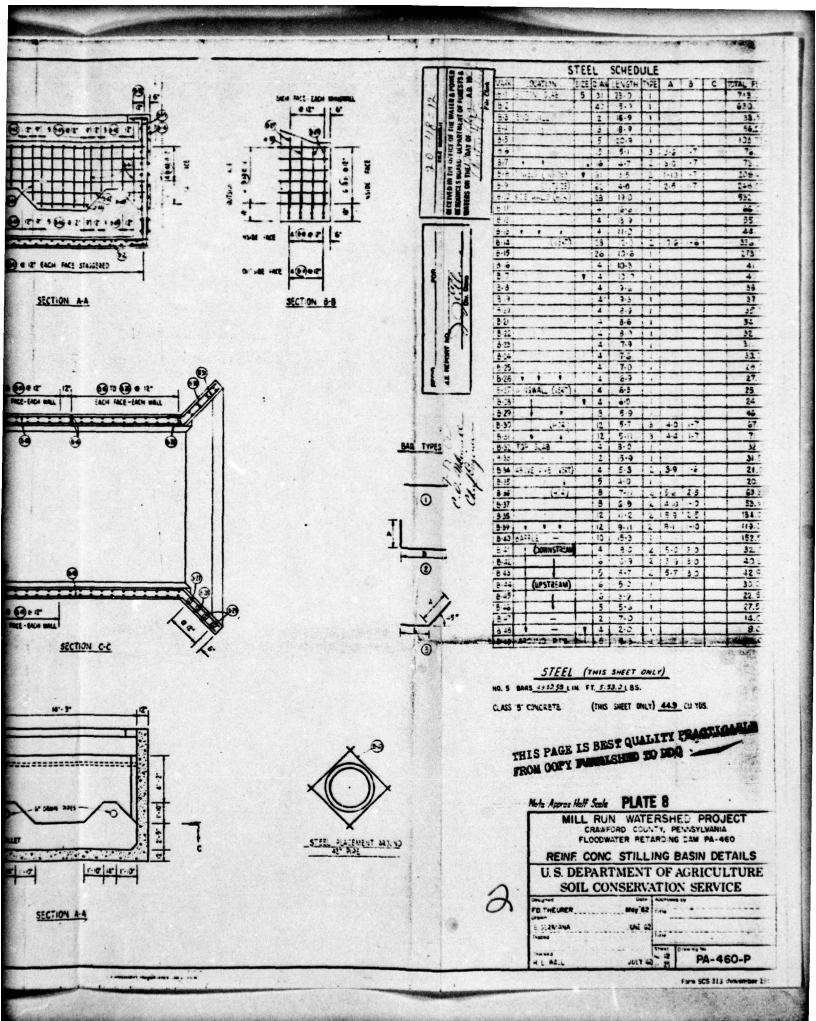
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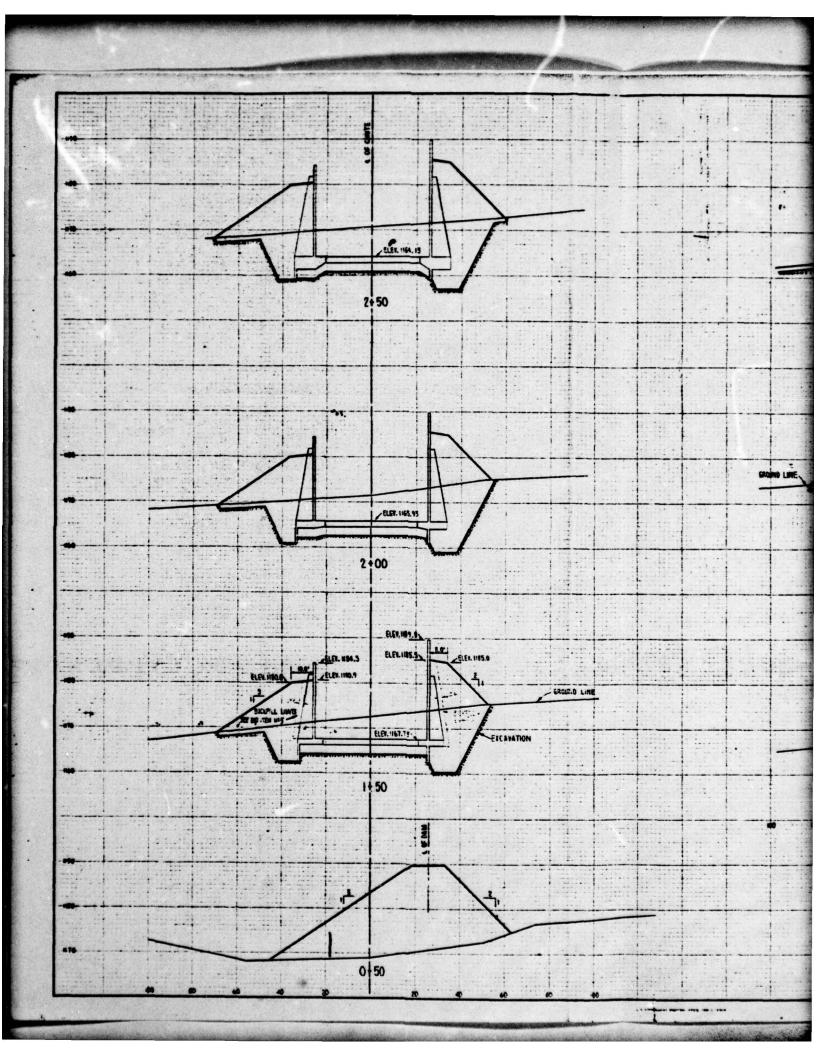
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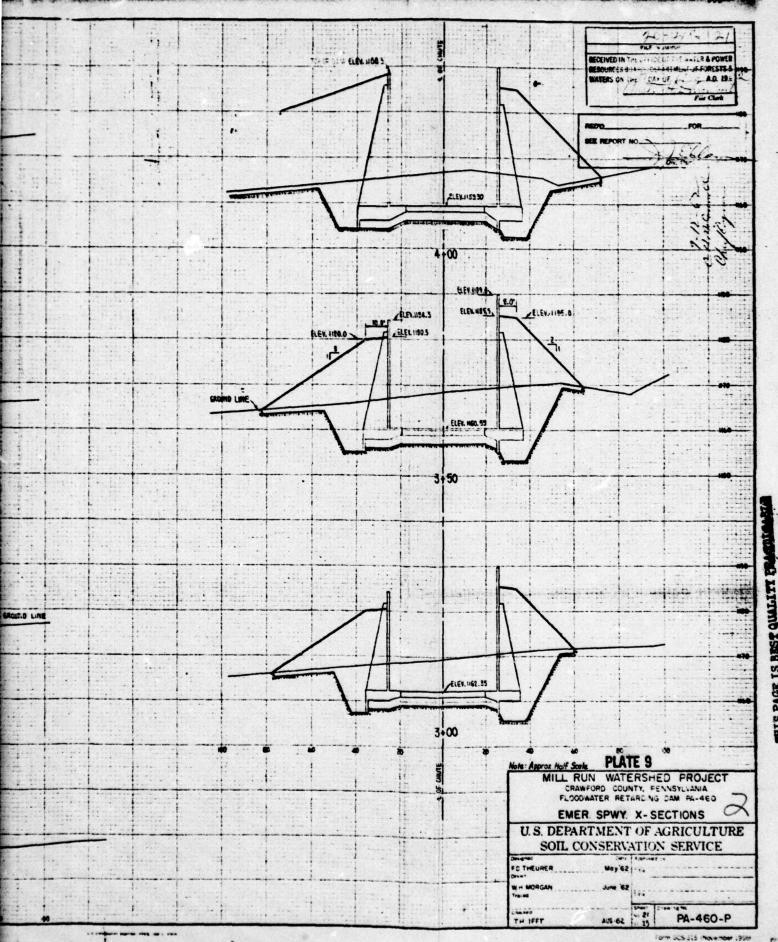
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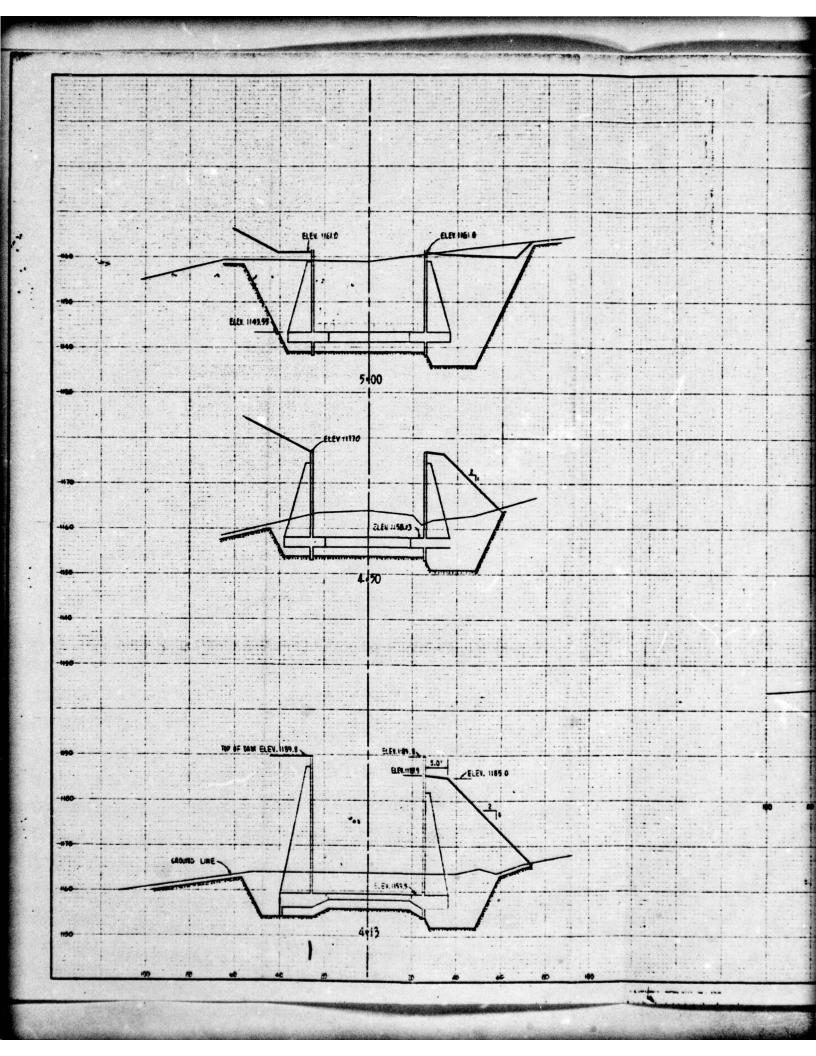
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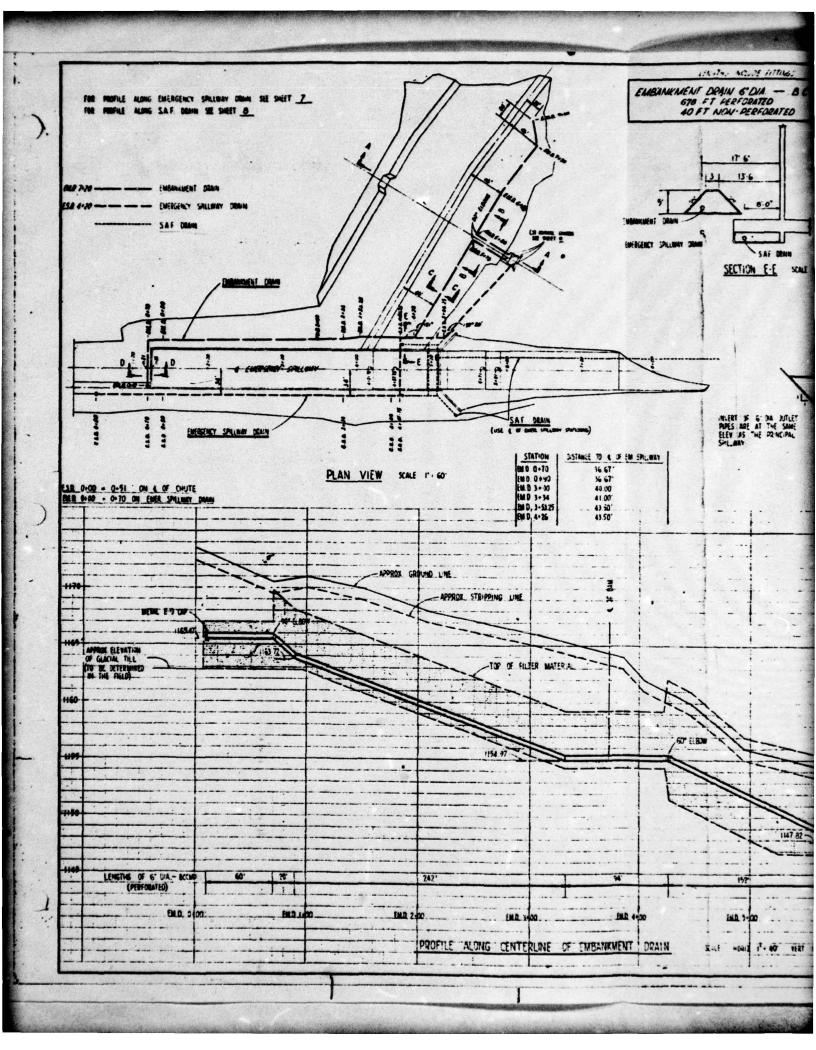


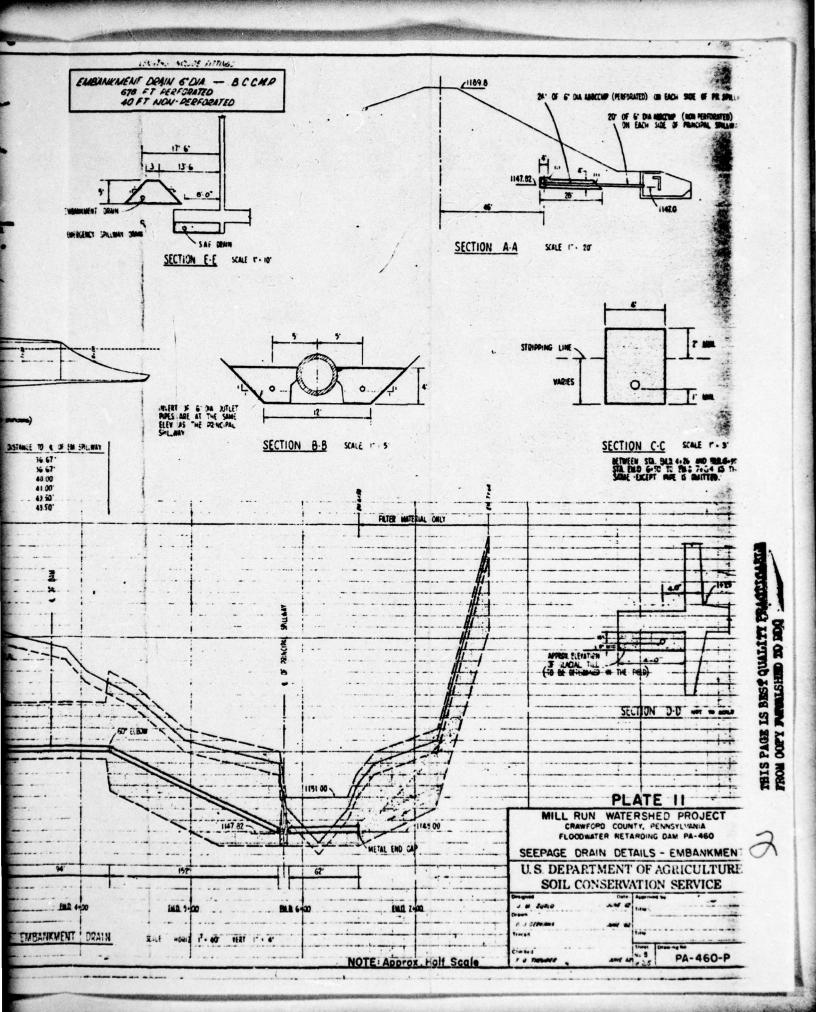






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APPENDIX A

CHECK LIST - VISUAL INSPECTION AND FIELD SKETCHES

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Long. W 80° 8.2' Coordinates Lat. N 41° 38.3' State County Crawford Name of Dam Meadville Dam (PA 460) NDI # PA 00177 PennDER # 20-48

Temperature 55°F.

Date of Inspection | Dec. 1978 Weather Cloudy

Pool Blevation at Time of Inspection 1163.7 ft. M.S.L. Tailwater at Time of Inspection 1148.6 ft. M.S.L.

Inspection Personnel:

Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.:

James G. Ulinski Rodney E. Holderbaum David F. Johns

Owner's Representative City of Meadville: Kenneth A. Beers, Jr., Public Works John Coulter Joe Damico

David F. Johns

Recorder

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS OBSERVATIONS Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM NOI # PA 00177 VISUAL EXAMINATION OF STRUCTURE TO ABUTHENT/EMBANKHENT JUNCTIONS WATER PASSAGES POUNDATION LEAKAGE DRAINS

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CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS - Not Applicable

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

None of Dam: NEADVILLE DAM

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS

SURPACE CRACKS
CONCRETE SURPACES

STRUCTURAL CRACKING

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT

MONOLITH JOINTS

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM
NDI # PA 00177

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	No surface cracks were observed.	
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	No bulges, cracks, or apparent earth movements were observed at or beyond the embankment toe.	were

- occurred along the crest south of the auxiliary auxiliary spillway, vehicular traffic has caused rutting of the slope. Rutting has also On the east slope of the dike, south of the spillway. SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT (cont. on p. A-5) SLOPES
- 2. Pedestrian traffic has caused a large pathway to be worn through the grass cover from Meadville High School east of the dike, over the dike, up the south slope of the dam, and along the crest of the dam.
- A rut was observed along the outside of the chain-link fence around the auxiliary spillway.
- . A ditch, 0.5 ft. wide by 0.4 ft. deep and approximately 10 ft. long, has eroded down to the slope behind the wing wall on the right side of the auxiliary spillway. The left side also has an erosion ditch of equal proportion.

The rutted areas should be regraded, treated, and seeded.
 These areas should be regraded, treated, and seeded with an

appropriate mixture to prevent

erosion.

- The area should be regraded, treated, and seeded as necessary.
- 4. The ditch should be regraded, treated, and seeded. If the problem is recurring, a paved drainage ditch should be provided.

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EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: NEADVILLE DAM

TISUAL EXAMINATION OF		OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	MENDATIONS
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKHENT AND ABUTHENT SLOPES (Continued)	r.	On the downstream face of the embankment 100 ft. from the left abutment, a major erosion channel approximately 2 ft. wide and 1 ft. deep has developed. Smaller channels have eroded at 50 ft. and 150 ft. from the left abutment.	5. These areas should be regraded, treated, and seeded. Effort should be made to prohibit motorcycles from traversing the slopes.	wild be regraded seded. Effort to prohibit m traversing the
VERFICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	- ,	Vertical AlignmentThe surveyed crest shows a slight variation in elevation across the crest due to erosion caused by pedestrian and vehicular traffic.	1. The crest should be a graded, treated, and seeded.	d be a graded, seded,
	7	Horizontal AlignmentNo misalignment was observed.		

No riprap was placed on the upstream slope. Very slight erosion of the 2H:1V slope was observed on the embank-RIPRAP PAILURES

The limited areas of slope erosion should be regraded and seeded. Minor erosion should be repaired promptly. If serious erosion occurs in the future, riprap protection may become necessary.

JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLMAY AND DAM

No problems were noted.

EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM
NDI # PA 00177

ISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	None	
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DRAINS 1. The drain in the auxiliary spillway is covered with debris.

The embankment drains could not be assessed due to the amount of water flowing in the outlet basin.

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. The drain should be cleaned as part of a routine preventative maintenance schedule.

OUTLET WORKS

Name of Dam: NEADVILLE DAN

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS The wing walls and head walls are in good condition. **OBSERVATIONS** CRACKING AND SPALLING OF VISUAL EXAMINATION OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT

The concrete on the drop-inlet structure is in good condition. INTAKE STRUCTURE

seeded with an appropriate mixture to prevent erosion. Eroded areas should be treated and No noticeable defects were observed except for the erosion between the head wall and chain-11nk fence. OUTLET STRUCTURE

The area should be treated and seeded. If the problem recurs, riprap should be provided to prevent erosion. A small area has eroded at the end of the left wing wall. OUTLET CHANNEL

The gate should be repaired or replaced as necessary. pond drain was not in proper working condition. The sluice gate for operation of the 18-in. EMERGENCY GATE

Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM NDI # PA 00177

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF

OBSERVATIONS

REMARKS OR RECOMENDATIONS

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None

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- Some cracks were observed on the vertical walls adjacent to the dam abutment.
- Some movement of the walls along the channel was noted.

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- 2. The cracks should be repaired as necessary.
- 3. According to the local personnel, the SCS is making a study of this movement since it was noted in their 17 May 1968 annual inspection.

The downstream channel is an earth channel with grass lining and is in good condition. DISCHARGE CHANNEL

BRIDGE AND PIERS

None

GATED SPILLMAY - Not Applicable

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Name of Dam: NEADVILLE DAN NOI # PA 00177 VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDAPIO

CONCRETE SILL

APPROACH CHANNEL

DISCHANGE CHANNEL

BRIDGE AND PIERS

GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT

OBSERVATIONS Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS **VISUAL EXAMINATION** OBSERVATION WELLS PIEZOMETERS OTHER WEIRS

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INSTRUMENTATION - None

RESERVOIR

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REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Name of Dam: NEADVILLE DAM
NDI # PA 00177

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF

SLOPES

The slopes are gentle to moderately steep with well established tree and grass cover. OBSERVATIONS

SEDIMENTATION

No sedimentation studies have been performed, but sedimentation of the reservoir is believed to be minimal.

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

Name of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM NDI # PA 001177

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(OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.) CONDITION

The downstream area has no signs of previous erosion. The banks were covered with well established vegetation.

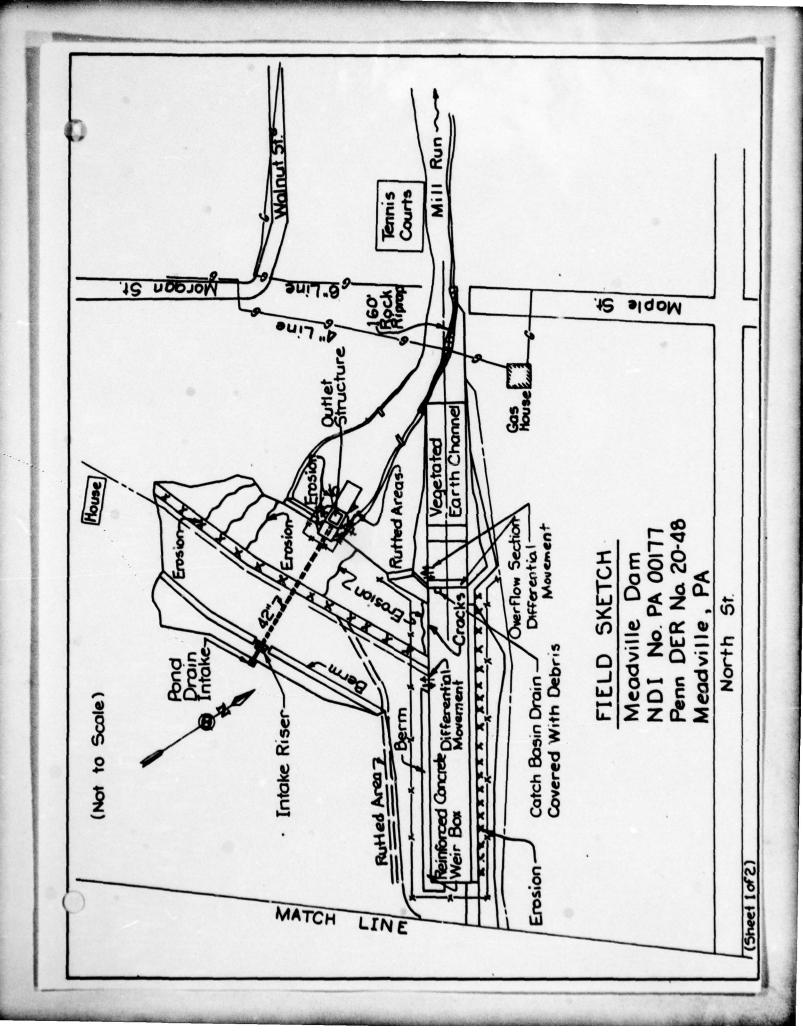
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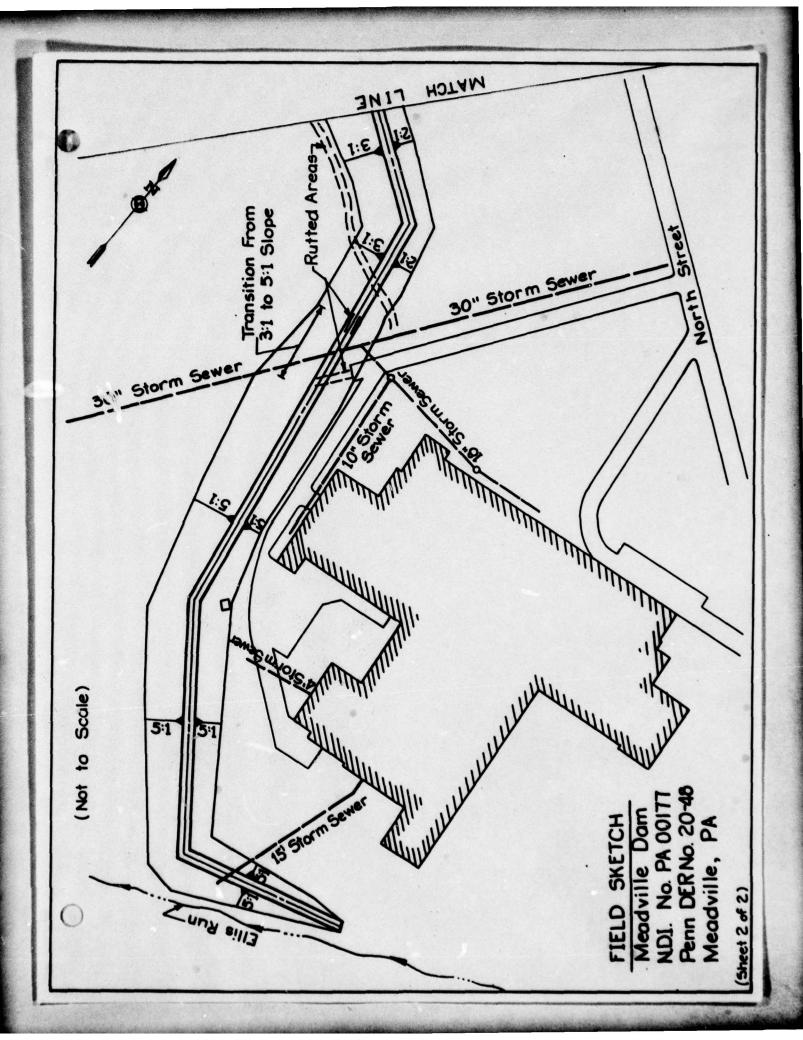
The slopes are nearly flat to moderate with a good cover of grasses or stands of trees.

APPROXIMATE NO. OF HOMES AND

POPULATION

The city of Meadville has an estimated population of 16,500 persons (1970 census).





APPENDIX B

CHECK LIST - ENGINEERING DATA

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION ENGINEERING DATA CHECK LIST

of Dam: MEADVILLE DAM
PA 00177

See Plates 3, 4, and 5. PLAN OF DAM

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP

See Plate 1, a USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map showing dam location with state location inset.

Information from the PennDER files indicate the dam was constructed in 1963 and 1964 by the Smith Construction Company, Ohio. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

See Plates 6, 9, and 10. TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM

HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA Design conputations are included in the SCS "Design Report".

OUTLETS - PLAN See Plate 4.

- DETAILS See Plates 6 and 8.
- CONSTRAINTS See Plate 7.
- None available - DISCHARGE RATINGS

None available RAINPALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS

Name of Dam: NEADVILLE DAN
NOI # PA 00177

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DESIGN REPORTS The SCS report, "Mill Run Watershed, Site PA 460, Vol. 2." was available through PennDER.

GEOLOGY REPORTS See Appendix E.

DESIGN COMPUTATIONS
HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS
DAM STABILITY
SEEPAGE STUDIES

Design computations were done by the SCS for hydrology and hydraulics. Seepage and stability studies were also done by the SCS.

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS
BORING RECORDS
LABORATORY
PIELD

A foundation and borrow investigation was performed with test pits and test borings (see Plates 3 and 4); the computations are contained in the SCS "Design Report."

POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM

The dam is inspected yearly by the SCS and personnel from the city of Meadville, Department of Public Works.

Reference Drawings - Plates 3 and 4. Boring and Test Pit Logs. BORROW SOURCES

of Dams NEADVILLE DAN

No monitoring systems were designed into the dam. MONITORING SYSTEMS

MODIFICATIONS None

None available HIGH POOL RECORDS POST-CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS

During May 1964, the SCS investigated the structure by boring several holes in the embankment to obtain samples for shear tests, moisture density relation-ships, and other as determined necessary at the time of investigation. The results are contained in the PennDER files.

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR PAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS Yearly inspections are made by the SCS along with personnel from the city of Meadville, Department of Public Works. Maintenance performed has included erosion repair, liming, fertilizing, seeding, and mowing of the embankment and surrounding areas. MAINTENANCE OPERATION

RECORDS

Name of Dams MEADVILLE DAM NOT # PA 00177

SPILLMAY PLAN See Plate 4.

REMARKS

SECTIONS See Plates 9 and 10.

DETAILS See Plate 8.

OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS

A water control gate is provided in the riser; however, at the time of inspection it was not operating correctly. Plans and details are shown on Plate 6. During periods of heavy rains the water level is monitored by city of Meadville, Department of Public Works personnel.

CHECK LIST HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DATA ENGINEERING DATA

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: 7.96 sq.mi. (primarily forested)
ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1163.5 ft. (30 acft.)
1189.5 ft.
ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): (850 acft.)
ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: 1189.8 ft.
ELEVATION TOP DAM: 1189.8 ft. (Design), 1189.5 ft. (Minimum)
CREST: Auxiliary (Emergency) Spillway
a. Elevation 1183.3 ft.
b. Type Reinforced concrete weir box and chute channel d. Width 50 ft. d. Length Approximately 316 ft.
c. Width 50 ft.
d. Length Approximately 316 ft.
e. Location Spillover Adjacent to right abutment
f. Number and Type of Gates None
OUTLET WORKS: Principal Spillway
a. Type Drop-inlet with 42-in. R.C.P.
b. Location Approximately 230 ft. from left abutment
c. Entrance inverts El. 1150.0 ft.
d. Exit invertsEl. 1147.0 ft.
d. Exit inverts El. 1147.0 ft. e. Emergency draindown facilities 18 in. B.C.C.M.P. pond drain
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES: None
a. Type
b. Location
c. Records
MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE Unknown

APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHS

DETAILED PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTIONS

Overall Views of Dam Top Photo - View of Downstream Embankment
and Concrete Spillway
(Note Erosion Channel on Embankment)

Bottom Photo - View of Upstream Face of Dam from Dike on East Abutment (Note Ruts and Erosion on Face of Dam)

Photo 1 - View from Top of Dam Looking East Toward Auxiliary Spillway and Dike

Photo 2 - View from Dike Looking West
(Normal Pool of Reservoir Left-Center
of Photo behind Baseball Backstop)

Photo 3 - View of Grass-Lined Auxiliary Spillway
Channel from Crest of Ogee Spillway
(Note Energy Dissipaters at Bottom of Ogee Spillway)

Photo 4 - View Looking Downstream from Outlet Pipe

Photo 5 - View of Riser Located at Toe of Upstream Embankment

Photo 6 - View of Head Wall and Outlet Structure at Toe of Downstream Embankment (Note Erosion between Structure and Fence)

Photo 7 - View from South End of Auxiliary Spillway

Photo 8 - Close-up View of South End of Auxiliary Spillway

Note: Photographs were taken on 1 December 1978.

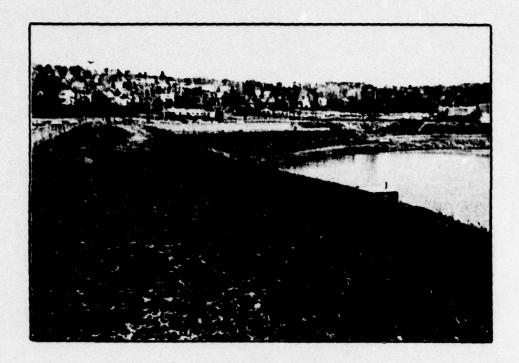


PHOTO 1. View from Top of Dam Looking East Toward
Auxiliary Spillway and Dike



PHOTO 2. View from Dike Looking West (Normal Pool of Reservoir Left-Center of Photo behind Baseball Backstop)

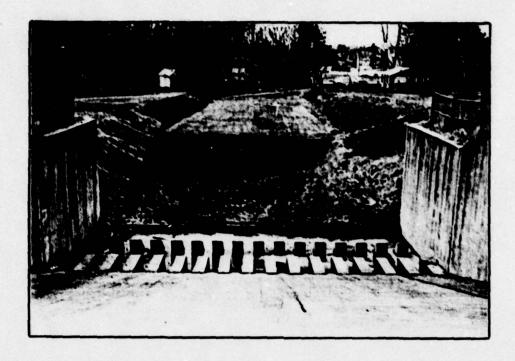


PHOTO 3. View of Grass-Lined Auxiliary Spillway Channel from Crest of Ogee Spillway (Note Energy Dissipators at Bottom of Ogee Spillway)



PHOTO 4. View Looking Downstream from Outlet Pipe

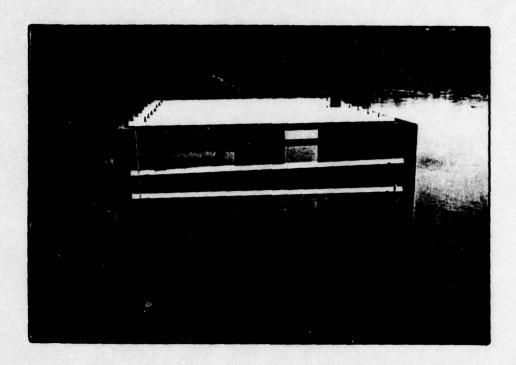


PHOTO 5. View of Riser Located at Toe of Upstream Embankment

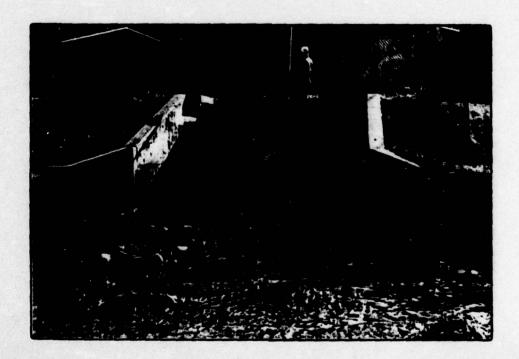


PHOTO 6. View of Head Wall and Outlet Structure at Toe of Downstream Embankment (Note Erosion between Structure and Fence)

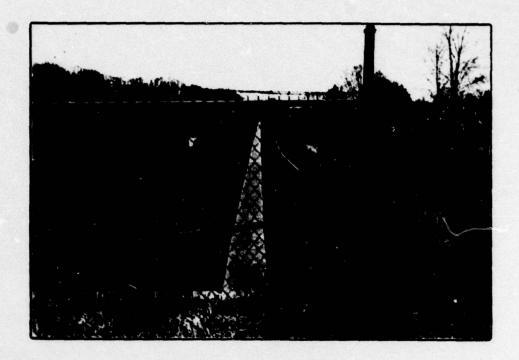


PHOTO 7. View from South End of Auxiliary Spillway



PHOTO 8. Close-up View of South End of Auxiliary Spillway

APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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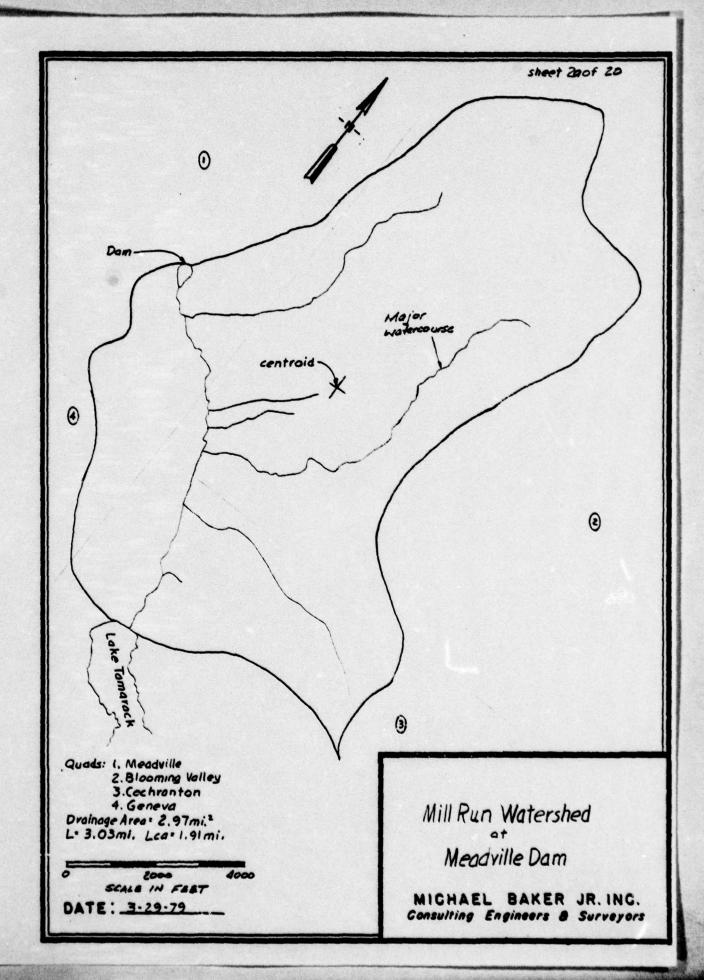
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The hydrologic determinations presented in this Phase I Inspection Report are based on the use of a Snyder's unit hydrograph developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Due to the limited number of gaging stations available in this hydrologic region and the wide variation of watershed slopes, the Snyder's coefficients may yield results of limited accuracy for this watershed. As directed however, a further refinement of these coefficients is beyond the scope of this Phase I Investigation.

In addition, the conclusions presented pertain to present conditions, and the effect of future development on the hydrology has not been considered.

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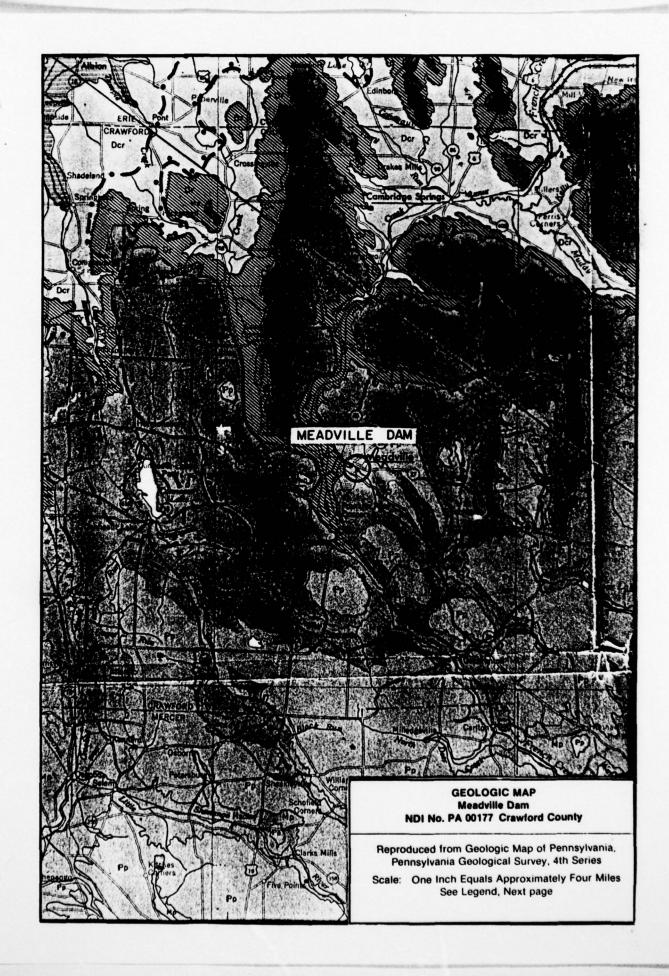
APPENDIX E

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

MEADVILLE DAM NDI No. PA 00177, PennDER No. 20-48, SCS No. PA 460

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Meadville Dam is located in the glaciated section of the Appalachian Plateaus physiographic province. Geologic references indicate that Mill Run, the site of the dam, and much of the city of Meadville are located on Wisconsin stage glacial outwash deposits. Test borings made to obtain subsurface information for design of the dam penetrated interbedded deposits of sand and gravel, sand, and some silt mixed with varying amounts of clay. Some of these borings were drilled as deep as 31 feet without penetrating bedrock. However, geologic references show that bedrock units beneath the glacial deposits are gently dipping members of the Pocono group, Mississippi system as shown on the following map and legend. These units are predominantly gray, hard massive conglomerates and sandstones with some shale.



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Greene Formation

Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, red beds, limestone and coal; base at the top of the Upper Washington Limestone.

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Washington Formation

Cyclic sequences of andstone, shale, lime-stone and coal; some red shale; some mine-able coal; base at the top of the Waynes-bury Coal.

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Monongahela Formation

Cyclic sequences of sandatone, shale, lime-stone and coal; limestone prominent in northern outerop areas; shele and sand-stone increase southward; commercial coals present; base at the bottom of the Pittsburgh Coal.



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Allegheny Group

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Pottsville Group

Predominantly sandstones and conglomerates with thin shales and coals; some coals mineable locally.





Post-Pottsville Formations

Brown or gray sandstones and shales with some conglomerate and numerous mine-able costs



Pottsville Group

Light gray to white, coarse grained sand-stones and conglomerates with some mine-able coal; includes Sharp Mountain, Schuylkill, and Tumbling Run Forma-tions.

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Mauch Chunk Formation

Red shales with brown to greenish gray flaggy mandstones; includes Greenbrier Limestone in Fayette, Weatmoreland, and Somerset counties; Loyalhanna Limestone at the base in southwestern Pennsylvania.



Pocono Group

Predominantly gray, hard, massive, cross-bedded conglomerate and sandstone with some shale; includes in the Appalachian Plateau Burgoon, Shenango, Cuyahoga, Cussewago, Cory, and Knupp Forma-tions, includes part of "Owayo" of M. L. Fuller in Potter and Tioga counties.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



Oswayo Formation

Greenish gray to gray shales, siltstones and sandstones becoming increasingly shalv westward; considered equivalent to type Oswayo. Riceville Formation Or in Eric and Crawford Counties; probably not distinguishable north of Corp.



Cattaraugus Formation

Red, gray and brown shale and sandstone with the proportion of red decreasing westward; includes Venange sands of drillers and Salamanca sandstone and conflower-ate; some limestone in Cranyord and Eric counties.



Conneaut Group

Alternating gray, brown, greenish and purplish shales and siltstones; includes 'pink rock' of drillers and "Chemung" and "Girard" Formations of northwestern l'ennagivania.



Canadaway Formation

Alternating brown shales and sandstones; includes "Portage" Formation of north-western Pennsylvania.

